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## MARRIAGE.

At St. John's Cathedral, Hongkong, on the 4th inst., by the Rev. W. Jennings, Colonial Chaplain, FRANK HEUKENSFELD SLAGHEK, to ALICE EMMA, third daughter of the late Captain Robert More.

## BIRTHS.

At Shanghai, on the 7th May, 1889, Mrs. CHRISTIAN SCHEFFELMANN, of a son.

At West End Terrace, on Saturday, the 11th May, 1889, the wife of CHAS. MOONEY, of a son.

On the 12th inst., at Wanchai Police Station, the wife of Inspector SWANSTON, of a daughter.

## The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, MONDAY, MAY 13, 1889.

## COMPLAINTS have frequently reached us regarding the time occupied by the river steamers running between Hongkong and Macao.

These vessels leave Hongkong at 2 p.m. and the full distance from wharf to wharf being only about 36 miles, generally arrive at Macao after 6 o'clock—averaging 9 knots an hour. On many occasions this time is considerably extended and although the shallow water in Macao harbour is no doubt to some extent responsible for these tedious passages, yet it must be admitted that the class of vessels hitherto employed on the line is susceptible of very great improvement. We believe that the new steamer ordered by the Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Company, Limited, which is now under construction by Messrs. RAMON and FERGUSON, of LEITZ, will be especially adapted for the Macao trade and will travel at a much higher rate of speed than the vessels (excepting the *Honam*) that have up to the present time been employed on this route; but, unless we are misinformed, even the new clipper will still fall far short of actual requirements. From time to time there have been reports of Macao syndicates, to be formed for the purpose of obtaining a steamer to travel between Macao and this port inside two hours, but, needless to say, all these projects have proved complete fizzes. If we have to wait for Portuguese—that is to say, Macao enterprise and capital to provide rapid communication between the two ports in accordance with modern requirements, we shall have to keep watch until doom-

day, and, to speak the plain, unvarnished truth, the Directors of the Steamboat Company are evidently not very far in advance of the Lusitanian projectors who have talked so much and accomplished so little. The question has been asked us whether it would be possible to have suitable steamers built at home capable of running from here to Macao inside an hour and a half. We are in a position to answer that question. At the present time the famous Fairfield Shipbuilding Company of Glasgow are building three paddle steamers of 1,500 tons each for a new mail service between Dover and Boulogne, with a guaranteed speed of 26 knots per hour. As the sea in the English Channel is infinitely rougher than is the case on the Macao passage—the latter can almost always be made in smooth water—for at least three-fourths of the distance—these steamers would, of course, easily cover the 36 miles separating Hongkong from the Holy City well inside an hour and a half. Such a steamer on the line would be the salvation of Macao, and it is not by any means an impossibility that the ancient Portuguese settlement may yet, and before very long, become the daily resort and residence during the summer months of a considerable proportion of the upper classes of the Hongkong community.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE total number of prisoners in the various gaols of the Philippine Islands during the month of March last was 4,907.

THE French gunboat *Chasseur*, Capt. Bugard, left today for Macao, and the *Viper*, Commander Gondot, for Swatow.

WE note that Mr. James, constructor at the Naval Dockyard, has been appointed to a similar position at Devonport.

THE returns of the number of visitors to the City Hall Museum for the week ending May 12th, are—Europeans 187, Chinese 1,951, total, 2,138.

THE Governor-General of the Philippine Islands has lately paid a visit to the Sooloo Islands, which are distant about 60 hours' steaming from Manila.

THE agents (Messrs. Adamson, Bell & Co.) inform us that the "Shire" Line steamship *Donnamahine*, from London, etc., left Singapore yesterday for this port.

OWING to having changed quarters to Mountain Lodge for the summer months, Lady des Vaux' receptions on Mondays at Government House have been discontinued until further notice.

IT is estimated that the present population of the United States is 64,000,000. The total increase is said to be 100,000 a month, exclusive of immigration, and last year the increase by immigration was 518,000. At this rate the next census, which will be taken in July, 1890, will show about 67,000,000.

WE would specially direct attention to Madame Cora's entertainment at the Theatre Royal, City Hall, to-morrow night, particulars of which will be found in our advertising columns. This talented artist deserves the warm support of the Hongkong public. A plan of the Theatre is now open at Messrs. Kelly & Walsh's, where seats may be booked.

THE *Foochow Echo* says:—There is a good deal of tightness in the money market and business is said to be in a most depressed state amongst the natives, who view the prospect of the forthcoming tea season in the gloomiest light. This was no doubt brought about by the general want of inclination to make advances to farmers, which this year totalled only eight hundred thousand dollars as against two and a half millions last season. This unprecedentedly large difference to the bad will no doubt tell, as it has done, on all industries dependent on that which is considered as the principal trade of the port.

AT the Police Court this afternoon, before Mr. Pollock, Toru, the Japanese barber in Wellington Street, was charged, with three other Japanese, with causing the death of a Chinaman yesterday.

THE defendants, with others, left in the *Kam Lee* launch yesterday afternoon, to go to Kowloon, and on the way the deceased started gambling with dice. As certain numbers invariably turned up the Japanese examined the dice, and found they were loaded. They thereupon began to make a row, with the result that the gambler, after trying to evade them by creeping along the bulwarks, fell into the water and was drowned. The evidence for the prosecution, which was of a most unreluctant character, was still being given when our reporter left.

THE *Shen Pao* reports that on the 22nd April the Emperor witnessed a grand review of the "King Field Force" in the park of Yü Ts'ian Shan, which beautiful spot was a favourite resort of foreign excursionists from Peking before its buildings were repaired and it again became an Imperial residence. Cavalry, infantry, and artillery took part in the review, and there was also a mimic battle of war-vessels on the lake, and a display of torpedoes. An interesting feature was a regiment of children not over 12 years old. The ex-Empress and the Empress Consort looked on from the slopes of Yü Ts'ian Shan. Three men were rather badly injured by various accidents and had to be removed from the field. Two tigers were given to every man reviewed as a present from the Emperor.

A MARINE court of enquiry was held on the 1st instant at the Mercantile Marine Bureau in the enclosure of the Communications Department, at Kobikicho Hatchome, Kyobashi, as to the collision between the Japanese steamer *Katrin Maru*, belonging to the Hanabishi, of Osaka, Aichi Prefecture, and the German steamer *Lydia* on the 2nd April last, at 7 p.m., while she was proceeding to Yokkaichi, having started from Yokohama at 6 p.m., and passed Homokko at 5.15 p.m. The certificate of Captain Ueda, of the *Katrin Maru*, was suspended for the next three months. The Court found that the accident was due to Captain Ueda, who, when he saw the white light of the *Lydia* South-west of Samsushima, changed his course, the result of which was that collision became unavoidable and both ships sustained more or less severe damages.

FROM the 1st January to April 20th of this year, 1,649,077 piculs of rice were exported from Saigon, being 1,820,914 piculs less than the quantity exported during the same period in 1888.

CAPTAIN Craig of the steamer *Vidar*, on arrival at Singapore, reported having passed on the 1st inst., off Karamatta Island, the Nova Scotian bark *Mabel Taylor*, bound from Cardiff to Hongkong, 145 days out. The bark wished to be reported "all well."

THE value of specie imported into the Philippines during the second fortnight of April was \$100,000, and \$30 Spanish gold coins. The total value exported was \$2,000, being \$200,000 in gold and \$1,000 in silver.

THE agents (Messrs. Melchers & Co.) inform us that the Norddeutscher Lloyd's steamship *Nackar*, with the German mails from Berlin of the 16th April, left Singapore for this port at 7 p.m. on the 11th inst., and may be expected on or about Thursday, the 16th.

THE latest expensive whim indulged in by the King of Wurtemberg is the photographing of the moon to ascertain whether it is inhabited. He has the negatives magnified one hundred thousand-fold, and has thus far discovered nebulae covered with little dots, which he believes to be lunar people.

THE performance at the City Hall on Saturday night by the French Vaudeville and Concert Company was as great a failure as it deserved to be. The attendance was limited, and comprised very few Englishmen. The opening farce had a most rudimentary plot, and the second part of the programme was livelier simply because it was in the style of a third rate *cuff chantant*.

"BROWNIE'S" comments on the difficulties presented by the multiplicity of official appointments held by Mr. H. E. Woodhouse are very much to the point, but would have been just as well if our evening contemporary's weekly purveyor of stale chatter had acknowledged his obligations to Gilbert's *Lord Chancellor* in "Iolanthe." This is not the first time "Brownie" has been openly convicted of disgraceful plagiarism.

WE learn from the *Japan Mail* that Woodyear's Circus is at Kyoto, playing in one of the large theatres. After leaving the ancient capital the circus proceeds to Naanya, and thence probably to Tokyo overland. Victor Valdez met with a serious accident whilst at practice on the 1st of May. The man failing to catch him on his flying from the trapeze, and Valdez fell, breaking his leg badly. The doctor in attendance fears that amputation may become necessary.

THE Second "Spoon" Competition of the Hongkong Rifle Association at 200 yards—10 shots each, competitors to stand or kneel—took place at Kowloon on Saturday afternoon. There were 13 competitors, and after some good marksmanship Lieut. Carlyle, R.A., was returned the winner by scoring 46 out of a possible 50. Mr. J. Carson of the Hongkong Police was second with 43, and Messrs. E. L. Woodin and F. Watts tied for third place with 41, two points more than the fifth man, Mr. Howell.

THE gymnastic class in connection with the Victoria Recreation Club, which Sergeant-Instructor Mills has conducted during the winter with such success, closed for the season on Saturday evening, when an all round competition was held, the prizes being one gold and one silver medal, presented by the President of the Club, the Hon A. P. MacFayen. A large number of spectators assembled. There were seven competitors, all of whom did the set exercises admirably, but the voluntary exercises were less evenly gone through, and eventually W. Howard was hailed the winner, with J. Pidgeon a creditable second. A detailed report will appear to-morrow.

MESSRS. BANDINEL & Co. of Newchwang, in their circular of April 29th, say:—Our season opened on 23rd March. Since then we have arrived number 28 steamers and 4 sailers, as against 24 steamers and 6 sailers last year. Export and shipping business is dull owing to the high price and scarcity of beans. The upper reaches of the river are said to be too shallow for the passage of the bean-boats and the recent rain has not been enough to remedy this, so that we do not look for any great improvement much before the end of May. Grain of all descriptions is dear. Importations of rice, maize, and wheat, are meeting with ready sale. Shipping in port: *Taku Kaifeng, Kwangchi Satsuma, and Ling Feng*. Expected, *Longwha*.

IN Manila and suburbs from the 6th to the 7th inst. forty-two deaths from cholera were reported and from the 8th to the 12th twenty-four. From the 26th of April to the 6th of May there were 307 cases in the province of Tarlac, of which 185 proved fatal; 311 cases in the province of Nueva Ecija, 300 deaths, and 310 deaths in the city and suburbs of Manila. Of 122 cases which occurred in the district of Morong, 100 proved fatal. The British Consul has conveyed to the Governor-General of the Philippines the instructions he has received from the Governor of Hongkong to the effect that vessels proceeding from the Philippines to this port are to hoist the yellow flag. An order has been issued at Manila providing for the examination of ships entering the river Pasig.

ABOUT three o'clock on Saturday afternoon, Mr. R. M. Slight, of the Chinese Customs, and a popular local medico hired a pony and trap from Mr. Kennedy's Horse Repository. The pony, an ancient racer, was restive and on reaching the cathedral bolted down the slope, Mr. Slight being thrown, and the doctor, who jumped out immediately afterwards, was also fortunate enough to drop on his feet. The pony kept on, turning down Queen's Road to the right, and scaring the "kicks-a-coolies" considerably, as it galloped through Wanchai. When near the Polo Ground at Causeway Bay it swerved at the sight of a lot of howling Chinese in front, and jumped into the large nullah, some fifteen feet deep, sustaining such severe injuries that it had to be subsequently destroyed. The trap, although pretty badly used up, was not so much wrecked as might have been expected.

THE *Japan Mail* of the 3rd inst. says:—We learn that the body of Mr. C. Breslauer, who with Mr. Mansfield was drowned on the 7th ultimo, has been recovered and was brought to Yokohama last evening. By a singular coincidence Mr. Breslauer's remains were washed ashore close to the spot where the body of his companion was found—near Koshiba, between Tomikawa and Kanazawa. The discovery was made by some fishermen about 8 o'clock yesterday morning, and intelligence was at once conveyed to Yokohama. Mr. Robinson, accompanied by Mr. Hellendall, of Messrs. Subito & Co., proceeded to the place in the afternoon and was able to identify the remains by means of the clothing, watch and chain and initials which, with a small sum of money, still remained on the body. An inquest will be held this morning, and the funeral will take place at 5 this afternoon.

THE London and China Express states that Mr. E. J. Ackroyd has been appointed Honorary Corresponding Secretary of the Royal Colonial Institute in the colony of Hongkong.

WE are informed by the agents (Messrs. Adamson, Bell & Co.) that the steamship *Duke of Buckingham*, from Bordeaux, etc., will leave Hongkong for this port about the 15th inst.

THE "Wilson" Co.'s steamer *Abano* and the "Glen" liner *Glenavon* came into collision below Gravesend on the 9th ulto. Both vessels were severely injured, the *Abano* having her bows stove in, whilst the *Glenavon* was extensively damaged on the port side, abaft the funnel.

WE note that Mr. Russell Harrison, son of the President of the United States, has been arrested for reprinting in his paper, which is published in Montana, an article from a Buffalo Journal, containing an alleged libel on Mr. Schuyler Crosby. He was released on providing bail to the amount of \$5,000.

THE Canadian Pacific liner *Parthia*, Capt. F. Wallace, from Vancouver, via Japanese ports and Shanghai, arrived here yesterday. The telegraphic news in the Vancouver papers brought on by the *Parthia* is similar to that in our San Francisco exchanges, published in another column.

IN Paris, where vaccination is but feebly enforced, the annual mortality from small-pox averages about ten in 10,000 inhabitants, and in the canton of Zurich since the compulsory ordinance was repealed the mortality has risen from eight per 100,000 to eighty-five. On the other hand, in the German cities, where vaccination is compulsory, the mortality is 1.44 per 100,000, and in London only 0.6.

SOME pretty good swimmers are around Hongkong just now. On Saturday a sailor swam from Kowloon to this side, towing two life-belts in case he got tired, but, as it turned out, unnecessarily. And nearly every morning a soldier—an Engineer we believe—makes a trip the other way before breakfast. The distance is over a mile, but the swift currents which sweep along midstream make the feat both difficult and dangerous.

ON Saturday night Inspector Swanston received information that a number of Chinese thieves contemplated making an armed attack upon a family house in Wanchai. On going down to the place, he found that the men, who had been prowling around, had gone away just before he arrived. He followed in the direction they had taken, and, when near his station, came up with them. One was arrested before he could make any resistance, and a huge dagger was taken from him, but the other three away a revolver and jumped into the Harbour, where he either drowned or swam off to some junk in the darkness. The one that was arrested was remanded to-day.

THE Singapore *Free Press* of the 4th inst. hears "that the final stages of the negotiation for the purchase of the Raub concession have been successfully carried through. The representatives now in Singapore of the Australian Syndicate, who have purchased that property from the Malay Prospecting Company, are Messrs. Rice, Lascelles, Sefton, and Brown, and Colonel Willbraham." No doubt the members of the wealthy Australian syndicate know what they are about, and were not disposed to doubt the *bona fides* of the venture. "Raub concession," of which we have heard so much lately, but sensible people will probably want to know a little more about the entire business before investing in it or in allowing its fabled wealth to influence other concessions in the Straits in which they may have happen to be interested.

ANOTHER old "China hand" has passed suddenly over to the great majority in the person of Capt. "Rube" McCaslin, the well-known Shanghai pilot. Capt. McCaslin, who came out to the Far East some thirty years ago, has been for some time past pilot to the P. & O. Co.'s steamers between here and Shanghai; he arrived in Hongkong on the 2nd inst., and intended leaving by the *Sydney* to-morrow, but it was otherwise decreed. Yesterday afternoon Capt. McCaslin went with a party of friends to the Peak, and on his return made a call at a house in Stanley Street, where he suddenly fell back in his chair and instantly expired, the direct cause of death being doubtless disease of the heart. The deceased, who was popular with all who knew him, was between fifty and sixty years of age, and appeared to be a hale and hearty man.

THUS our Foochow contemporary:—Mention has been made in our issue of the 30th March last about a proclamation issued by the Viceroy in which it was sought to restrain those blooming young damsels from picking tea in the Cantonese bongs beyond the bridge, and we now hear that this over-zealous official has carried the prohibition to greater lengths and that these girls are not even now allowed to retail vegetables and fruits in the public thoroughfares, orders having been given to the Yamen runners to arrest any unmarried woman found so offending against His Excellency's high notions of propriety. We are afraid the Viceroy has been very ill-advised in promulgating such high-handed measures, which may be the outcome of much mischief in the very near future, sticking, as it does, at the very root of Chinese domestic economy. His Excellency is surely not unaware that in his own country among the working classes, the boys, and even the girls, begin to earn the rice they consume as soon as they are seven or eight years old; and besides, the farmers, who live from hand to mouth, cannot possibly afford to employ outside hands to sell their vegetables, or their Celestial friends being, as our readers know to their own cost, so very incorrect in their accounts when they are sent on errands. His Excellency may be, for all we know to the contrary, a well-intentioned official, but his way is so radically wrong that he is doing a great deal of harm, in spite of himself.

## THE RICHMOND TERRACE ESTATE AND BUILDING COMPANY.

The annual meeting of the shareholders in this Company was held at noon to-day, at 35 Queen's Road. Mr. J. D. Humphreys (general manager) presided, and there were present Messrs. Hagan, Mancel, Humphreys Jr., G. C. Chan, Chan Afook, Capt. Clement and Mr. Wilmet (Secretary).

The Chairman said that as the report had been in their hands some time he would propose that it be taken as read and adopted.

Captain Clement seconded, and it was agreed to.

The Chairman then proposed the re-election of Mr. A. W. Mainland as auditor.

Mr. Hagan seconded, and it was agreed to.

The Chairman having stated that the checks for the dividends would be issued to-morrow the ordinary business was concluded.

An extraordinary meeting was afterwards held at which the following resolution was proposed:

by the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Hagan, and unanimously passed:—

That the Share Capital of the Company be increased to \$100,000 by the issue of 667 New Shares of \$100 each, and that such New Shares be offered in the first instance, on terms to be determined by the General Manager, to all the Members on the Register on the 14th day after the Meeting.

The Chairman mentioned that most of the money had been already spent—probably, he thought, and the shares would shortly be taken up. Indeed he expected that more would be required before the end of the year.

Mr. Cox moved a vote of thanks to the General Manager (the Chairman) for the excellent report.

The Chairman, in reply, said that he did not see why they should not continue to do well now they had once got to work. They had laid dormant for a number of years, doing nothing but collecting their rents, but this year they had really begun to work, and if they continued to act judiciously, saw that they got full value for their money, and realised when a profitable opportunity offered, they were bound to continue to give good results.

## A. S. WATSON &amp; CO., LIMITED.

The ordinary general meeting of the shareholders in the above Company for the purpose of adopting the Report and Accounts for the last year was held this afternoon on the premises of the Hongkong Dispensary, Queen's Road. There were present Messrs. J. D. Humphreys (General Manager), presiding, H. Wickham, A. H. Mancel, Captain W. E. Clarke, Captain Clement, J. B. Scott, J. S. Hagan, T. H. Talbot, Chan Afook and J. Willmott, (Secretary).

The notice convening the meeting having been read, the Chairman said as the accounts and the report for the year ended 31st December, 1888 had been in the hands of the shareholders for some time, he would take them as read.

On Mr. Wickham's proposal, seconded by Captain Clarke, the report and accounts were unanimously adopted.

The Chairman proposed, and Mr. Wickham seconded—that Mr. A. W. Mainland be re-elected as Auditor of the Company for the ensuing year. Carried.

Mr. Wickham remarked that the report and accounts now lying before the shareholders were for the last year; as five months of the present year had almost elapsed, he would be glad to know whether the Company's business during this time showed signs of increase.

The Chairman replied that the present epoch compared favourably with the same period last year. As there were more questions to answer, the meeting terminated.

The Dividend warrants will be issued to-morrow.

An extraordinary general meeting of the same Company was subsequently held. The Secretary having read the notice convening the meeting, the Chairman proposed—that the present shares in the Capital of the Company of \$100 each be subdivided into shares of Ten Dollars each to admit a wider distribution of the capital of the Company.

Mr. Wickham seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

With regard to the second Resolution:—That with a view to the extension of the business of the Company and the purchase of additional premises in Queen's Road Central and at Kowloon, the capital of the Company be increased to the sum of \$500,000 by the issue of 12,000 new shares of the value of Ten Dollars each and that such new shares be disposed of by the General Manager as if they were part of the shares in the original capital of the Company in such manner, on such terms, and at such premium as he shall in the interest of the Company determine, the amount realized by way of premium to be put to the permanent Reserve Fund.

The Chairman said that at first sight the carrying out of this motion looked like a very good thing, but he would be equal to the task; would do his best to promote the Company's interests, and would be always ready to adopt the suggestions of the shareholders. With regard to the issue of new shares he was of opinion, that no shares should be issued at less than a 100 per cent. premium. He felt sure these new shares would be readily taken up, even at a higher rate. The amount realised would go to the Company's Reserve Fund, and shareholders would ultimately reap the benefit of it. With reference to the new premises which he intended to purchase, this was a measure brought about by the limited space at present at the disposal of the Company for carrying out their operations. Much loss had been sustained from insufficiency of room. The new premises would consist of the buildings adjoining the Dispensary, now in course of re-construction, the Victoria Exchange, and the Dispensary's warehouse in Stanley Street. These, together with the old buildings, would afford ample accommodation for the Company's operations in the City. It was, moreover, intended to erect a branch building at Kowloon. A suitable piece of ground had been found, and a very large part of the Company's business, such as the storage and the manufacture of goods for export could be carried out there. Adjacent buildings could be erected for the staff engaged in the manufacturing operations, and sufficient store rooms to contain the greater portion of the Company's goods which were all warehoused at present at the Dispensary, and consequently entailed a heavy risk. By dividing the stores, risks would be proportionately diminished. The proposed increase of the capital would be largely sufficient to meet this new source of expenditure, but it would go a long way towards it, and any further sum the Company required could be arranged in the ordinary course of business.

The Chairman concluded by moving the adoption of the Resolution as alluded to by Captain Clarke seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Wickham having proposed a vote of thanks to the General Manager, and Captain Clarke seconded it, the meeting terminated.

## NEWS BY THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The Pacific Mail Co.'s steamship *City of Sydney*, Capt. D. E. Friele, with the American mails of the 15th ulto., arrived in harbour this morning. For the subjoined telegrams we are indebted to our San Francisco exchanges:—

St. Petersburg, April 11th. Pancker, Minister of Roads, has died of pneumonia.

WASHINGTON, April 11th. The United States Consul at Rio de Janeiro has reported that the yellow fever is prevalent there to an alarming extent. Charles M. I. Leslie, an American citizen, died on the 3d of March of the fever. Of 129 deaths reported on March 7th, twenty-four were caused by yellow fever, thirteen by typhus fever, nine by other fevers, thirty-three by "scarce" pneumonia, a new disease, supposed to be caused by emanations from the sewers.

DUBLIN, April 11th. O'Brien was taken to Galway to-day. The police guard allowed no one to converse with the prisoner. Several Town Commissioners who

approached him were struck by the police with swords. One man was seriously injured.

LONDON, April 11th. Count Festlich of Vienna has sued for a separation from his wife, on the ground of adultery. She was formerly a Mrs. Fischer, and was the greatest beauty in Vienna.

Violent earthquakes are reported to have occurred in Epirus. Their extent is unknown.

PARIS, April 11th. France and China have agreed to connect the China and Tonquin telegraph line, and to establish communication between Saigon and Peking.

BRUSSELS, April 11th. Upon the appearance of General Boulanger at a soiree last evening, the officials of the French Embassy who were present immediately took their departure. Prince Chimay, the Belgian Minister of Foreign Affairs, and most of the other members of the Cabinet, declined to be introduced to Boulanger and also departed. Almost all the diplomats present kept aloof from Boulanger during the evening.

NEW YORK, April 11th. Thomas Walsh, one of the men whose promises of startling revelations and incriminating documents Sir Richard Webster relied to prove his case against Parnell and colleagues, is now in this city. He slipped away from London the night before he was wanted. He alleges that the agent of the *Times* continually urged him to make disclosures against Parnell. Finally he set himself systematically to "work" them, and after getting all the money out of them that he could, skipped to France and then to this country.

BERLIN, April 12th. The *Cologne Gazette* advises President Harrison to reconsider the nomination of Mr. Bates to be Commissioner to the Samoan Conference. In the course of a long editorial it says: "In Europe it is not the custom for a political agent, previous to his departure on a mission, to announce to the world in a newspaper, as Bates did, his views on the disputed question on which he is about to deal in a diplomatic capacity. Americans, however, have a way of their own in diplomatic matters, and the old world will have to get accustomed to the ways of the new world."

OTTAWA, April 12th. The Senate this morning adopted a resolution to the effect that it would not be in the interest of Canada to establish entire reciprocity of trade with any foreign nation upon any conditions that would restrict with regard to others the entire freedom of action of this country in protecting its own industries, in dealing with its own sources of revenue and in regulating its own foreign trade, or that would necessitate the adoption of duties discriminating against imports from other nations, especially the mother country, while at the same time any measure for securing reciprocity of trade with a foreign country in such of the products of the country as may be freely interchanged with advantage to both should receive the favorable consideration of the House.

NEW YORK, April 12th. Advice from Hayti by the steamer *Dalla*, which arrived this morning, state that heavy fighting took place on March 29th between Saint Marc and Gonaves, and that on the same day great damage was done by earthquakes at Port de Paix, many houses being wrecked and several persons injured. No lives were lost, however.

LONDON, April 12th. Owing to reports that the Cuban sugar crop is short and that stocks of sugar on the Continent are held in few hands, the market is excited and prices are advancing.

A dispatch from Sydney, N. S. W. says: The Captain of the German man-of-war *Admiral*, which was wrecked in the recent hurricane at Apia, states that Matanafa at first assisted only Americans, but afterward repented and succored Germans. The United States steamer *Nights*, although floated,



SYDNEY, N. S. W., April 13th.

The German warship *Olgä*, which was stranded during the recent hurricane at Samoa, has arrived here for repairs. She brought from Apia the commander, two officers and thirty of the crew of the *Adler*, which was wrecked in the same hurricane.

The steamer *Reckon* will proceed from here to Samoa, where she will take on board the crews of the wrecked American war ships and convey them to San Francisco.

The steamer *Rubeck*, from Apia, under date of April 2nd, has arrived. She reports that the *Nipisic* is so badly injured that it is doubtful whether she will be able to return to the United States. A large number of bodies of the officers and men of the various ships, drowned during the storm, have been recovered and buried.

The officers of the wrecked German war ship *Adler* were also on board the *Rubeck*. They will proceed to Germany on the steamer *Hefburg*, which sails on the April 24th. One hundred men belonging to the German fleet, including three officers, remain at Apia to guard foreign interests.

The hull of the *Olgä* is sound, with the exception of a hole in the stern. Two plates were riveted over this hole, and the ship made no water during the voyage here.

The *Olgä* reports that the *Nipisic* lost her rudder and propeller, and the *Trenton* is full of water. The *Adler* lies in the position in which the storm left her.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 13th.

The *Official Messenger* publishes statements made by Aichinoff and Archimandrite Paisal, the leaders of the late Cosack expedition to Abyssinia, to which they declare that the commander of the French warship at Sangallo gave no warning that he intended to bombard that place. They also declare that the French forces robbed Aichinoff of 45,000 roubles.

WASHINGTON, April 13th.

It is understood that the Naval Board selected by Secretary Whitney to locate another navy yard on the Pacific Coast have decided to report in favor of a site on Puget Sound, opposite Seattle.

LONDON, April 13th.

Sir Julian Pauncefote, the new British Minister to the United States, left London this morning for Liverpool and will embark this afternoon for New York.

DUBLIN, April 13th.

Mr. Sheehy, M. P., is confined to his cell on a bread and water diet for refusing to perform menial labor at the prison.

DUBLIN, April 14th.

The Court of Appeals' revocation of the police decree against the *Volks Zeitung* and the failure of the prosecution of the *Freilinnige Zeitung* exasperated the Emperor. The Court failing to punish the *Volks Zeitung*'s criticisms, the Emperor personally directed the prosecution of the *Volks Zeitung*.

Press comments on the appointment of Mr. Bates as Commissioner of the Samoan Conference were unfavorable. Newspaper grumblings against Bates will not, however, affect the issue of the Conference.

New dangers are confronting the Austro-German alliance, which will have the greatest influence on Prince Bismarck and which will tend to bring about a speedy settlement of the dispute with America.

Advices from Vienna state that the Empress of Austria has been attacked by the family malady—insanity. She suffers from long spells of melancholia and enters delusions, accusing herself of having caused the death of Crown Prince Rudolph.

She is bent upon committing suicide, thinking to leave the Emperor free to remarry. Sometimes she dandles a cushion or pillow, thinking it a new-born heir to the throne. The Emperor is greatly affected. He suffers from insomnia and has no rest for work, taking only a languid interest in State affairs.

It is reported he consulted with Count Kalnoky and Count Von Taaffe upon the advisability of abdicating in favor of his nephew Franz.

The hereditary Duke and Duchess of Oldenburg, and Count and Countess Hohenhausen had a narrow escape from death recently while journeying by steamer. Their meals had been cooked in uncleaned copper vessels.

Seven passengers died from eating food so prepared.

LONDON, April 14th.

The *Weekly Dispatch* says that William O'Brien has entered a libel action against Lord Salisbury for certain remarks made by the latter in a recent speech at Waterford.

PARIS, April 14th.

At a banquet at Versailles to-day Deputy Laguerre read General Boulanger's speech. He contrasted the doings of the present "Sham Republicans" with the doings of the Republicans of 1879, and said that on their hundredth anniversary the reforms then initiated must be completed. Laguerre and Henrice were arrested on leaving the banquet hall. They were arrested on the ground of the irresponsibility of members of the Chamber of Deputies and were released.

A grand banquet was enjoyed yesterday evening at Versailles, by the friends of Boulanger, the occasion being the centenary of the French Revolution. Late in the evening several speakers indulged in extremely bitter, unparliamentary speeches. Among them were Laguerre and Henrice, both of whom were arrested by the military, who came upon the banquet scene with bayonets fixed.

WASHINGTON, April 14th.

Mrs. Feibiger, wife of Admiral Feibiger of the navy, was thrown from her carriage this evening and badly, perhaps fatally, injured.

BROOKLYN, April 14th.

Ex-Congressman Simon B. Chittenden died this afternoon, aged 75 years.

LONDON, April 15th.

The *Times* says: The new Comptoir d'Exemple of Paris will be constructed on the lines of the old concern. The capital will be 40,000,000 francs, half paid up and exclusively offered to the old shareholders. There will also be 60,000 founders' shares, entitled to 30 per cent of the profits after 5 per cent is deducted for a reserve. Two-thirds will be handed to the liquidators as a contribution to the former company and the remaining 20,000 will be handed to a syndicate which has guaranteed to subscribe for the shares not taken by the original shareholders.

## LATE TELEGRAMS.

PARIS, April 6th.

In the affair of the League of Patriots, the accused, discharged on the charge of belonging to a secret society, but were found guilty of having belonged to an unauthorized society and each was sentenced to pay a fine of 100 francs.

April 7th.

The *Journal des Debats* says that Germany has succeeded in inducing the Sultan to send Embassies to Morocco and Zanzibar.

MARSEILLES, April 7th.

Nubar Pasha has embarked on board the Messageries mail steamer bound for Egypt.

PARIS, April 9th.

The Chamber has passed the Bill settling the procedure in the High Court of Justice.

LONDON, April 23rd.

Mr. Conybeare, who actively sided with the tenants at the recent evictions in Donegal, has been summoned to appear before the Magistrates.

at Falcarragh on the charge of conspiracy to resist the law.

SUAKIN, April 23rd.

The Governor of Suakin with a battalion of black troops, sailed hence to-day with the object of recapturing Halaib from the Derivishes.

VIENNA, 23rd April, midnight.

A strike among tramcar drivers, which have been prolonged for some time, has taken place here, and has been aggravated by the populace siding with the strikers in their grievances. The result has been that for several days past there have been continual disturbances and frequent collisions with the military: to-night the disturbances having increased, the cavalry were ordered to charge the dense mob, which they did, sabring right and left, and wounding many; the infantry afterwards cleared the streets at the point of the bayonet.

April 24th.

Since the vigorous steps taken by the military last night against the mob, there has been no more rioting, and the troops now occupy the disturbed districts. A settlement has been arrived at between the men on strike and their employers. Those who took active part in the riots were mostly Socialists and Antisemites.

CALCUTTA, April 25th.

Mr. Hart has returned from Rinchagong to Gnatong.

LONDON, 25th April.

Lord Cross has invited tenders which will be received up to 30th instant, for three per cent of £3,500,000 for the purpose of constructing Railways in India and discharging debentures; the minimum rate will be 99.

CALCUTTA, April 26th.

H. E. the Commander-in-Chief exchanged visits with the Maharajah of Cashmere at Singapur and was afterwards entertained at a banquet at the palace on Monday last.

The thirty second Pioneer move up to Gnatong next Sunday; the coolie corps, two hundred strong, is to be employed on D. Mageri Lughal road during the next few months.

The Shendus are quiet since the withdrawal of the troops.

A large number of Maxim machine guns are being sent out for the Indian coast defences.

## SHANGHAI SPRING RACES.

OFF DAY.—MONDAY, 6TH MAY, 1889.

There was only a moderate attendance of spectators owing to the threatening weather. Notwithstanding a heavy crowd the racing was excellent throughout, and some very good times were made. Details are appended:—

The "VISITANT" CUP.—Value, Tls. 100.—Presented—For all Griffins that have run at this Meeting and not won a Race.—Weight for inches as per scale.—Entrance, \$5, to go to the second Pony.—Three-Quarters of a Mile.

Mr. Suss's gr. Atilla, 11st. 1lb. .... Mr. Read 1

Mr. Alexander's d. Rumour, 11st. 1lb. .... Mr. Hough 2

Mr. Linton's gr. Home Guard, 11st. 1lb. .... Mr. Reynell 3

Mr. Tell's ch. Mitchell, 11st. 4lb. Mr. Dallas 4

Mr. Falk's gr. Witchcraft, 11st. 1lb. .... Mr. Hart Buck 5

Mr. Weed's d. Pompon, 11st. 4lb. Mr. Ramsey 6

Mr. Buxey's br. Cockcomb, 11st. 1lb. .... Mr. Machado 7

Home Guard was a hot favorite, but had nothing to do with the finish, Atilla winning an exciting tussle by a short head. Time 1 min. 34 secs.

The BIG TANT SWEEP.—Value, \$100.—Presented—For all Ponies that have run at this Meeting and not been placed.—Winners on the fourth day excluded.—Weight for inches as per scale.—Entrance, \$5, to go to the second Pony.—One Mile and a Half.

Mr. Tell's bl. Mülberg, 11st. 1lb. .... Mr. Ruegg 1

Mr. Henry's gr. Felbow, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Machado 2

Mr. Worthy's br. Hornet, 11st. 1lb. Mr. Hough 3

Mr. Mout's gr. Daphne, 10st. 12lb. .... Mr. Read 4

Mr. Edmund's gr. White Pasha, 11st. 4lb. .... Mr. Dallas 5

Mr. Weed's b. Off Chance, 11st. 4lb. .... Mr. Reynell 6

Mr. Edgley's ch. Froh, 11st. 1lb. .... Mr. Von Schmidt 7

Diphne and Hornet had most admirers, but Mülberg, who was not in the least fancied, won cleverly by a length from Felbow after a rather scrambling finish. Time 3 min. 24 secs. An objection to the winner for foul riding was over-ruled.

THE MAPOOS' RACE, for Ponies that have run at this Meeting; winners at this Meeting excluded; weight, 9st. 7lbs. Entrance, \$5. Once Round. Native Riders in Racing Colours; the stakes to be handed to the riders as follows:—The Winner, 5/8ths; second rider, 2/8ths; third, 1/8th.

Mr. Suss's gr. St. Elmo, 11st. 1lb. .... Koh-yang 1

Mr. Buxey's br. Budybody, 11st. 1lb. .... Boos 2

Mr. John Peel's gr. Bandman, 11st. 1lb. .... Pirate 3

Mr. J. D. Humphrey's wh. Vivacity, 11st. 1lb. .... Ab-sung 4

Mr. McCullagh's ch. Precursor, 11st. 1lb. .... Ab-ling 5

Mr. H. Sylva's gr. Fir Langard, 11st. 1lb. .... Ah-loo 6

Mr. Suss's gr. Fair Sport, 11st. 1lb. .... Fekin 7

Mr. Suss's gr. Arden, 11st. 1lb. .... Panch 8

Mr. J. D. Humphrey's gr. Vigour, 11st. 1lb. .... Tue Song 9

Mr. Juan's wh. Snob, 11st. 1lb. .... Ah-mow 10

Mr. J. D. Humphrey's br. Violent, 11st. 1lb. .... Ah-mow 11

Mr. Major's ch. Pacolet, 11st. 1lb. .... Ping-ching 12

The favorite for the Griffins came away from his field in the straight and won easily by a length from Budybody, with Bandman a good third. Time 2 min. 38 secs.

THE "ZEPHYR" CUP.—Value, Tls. 100.—Presented—For all Griffins that have run at this Meeting and won a Race.—Weight for inches as per scale.—Ponies placed in any race 5lbs. extra.—Winners on the fourth day excluded.—Entrance, \$5, to go to the second Pony.—One mile and a quarter.

Mr. Albert's gr. Monte Video, 11st. 4lb. .... Mr. Read 1

Mr. Linton's gr. Home Guard, 11st. 6lb. .... Mr. Reynell 2

Mr. Kilman's gr. Keepsake, 10st. 12lb. .... Mr. Machado 3

Mr. Tell's bl. Noismon, 11st. 6lb. .... Mr. Dallas 4

Mr. Inch's br. Harmony, 11st. 1lb. Mr. Renny 5

Mr. J. D. Humphrey's d. Vitality, 11st. 9lb. .... Mr. Hart Buck 6

Mr. Alexander's d. Rumour, 11st. 6lb. .... Mr. Hough 7

Woh cleverly by a length; a good third. Time 2 min. 46 2-5th secs.

THE MAPOOS' CHAMPION RACE.—For China Ponies, the property of Members of the Shanghai Race Club; weight, 9st. 7lbs. Entrance, \$5. Distance Once round; native riders in racing colours; the stakes to be handed to the riders as follows:—The Winner, 5/8ths; second rider, 2/8ths; third rider, 1/8th.

Mr. J. D. Humphrey's gr. Visitant, 11st. 1lb. .... Peter 1

Mr. Suss's gr. Asteroid, 11st. 1lb. .... Kobayuen 2

Mr. Ten Brock's gr. Wild Mint, 11st. 1lb. .... Horse 3

Mr. J. D. Humphrey's gr. Defiance, 11st. 1lb. .... Panch 4

Mr. Henry's gr. Felbow, 11st. 1lb. .... Kallou 5

Mr. Suss's gr. Atilla, 11st. 1lb. .... Chang 6

Defiance was most in demand, but Wild Mint and Visitant were also well backed. After going half-way Visitant came out by himself and won in a canter by six lengths from Asteroid; with Wild Mint a poor third. Distance broke down. Time 2 min. 35 2-5th secs.

## NOTES FROM CHINESE PAPERS.

Late on the 22nd April a British three-masted man-of-war arrived at Wuhu, and on the 23rd and 24th the Wuhu natives were treated to a sight that was perfectly new to them, in the shape of a drill of man-of-war-men and marines on shore. Sometimes kneeling, sometimes running, the men caused much interest by their skillfully conducted evolutions. They were treated at the conclusion to wine and refreshments, and rewarded with silver medals (2).

A Jimricha coolie who dropped apparently dead in the shafts a few days ago at Shanghai (not by any means an unprecedented occurrence there) only revived to find himself in a coffin and being trotted out to be buried at the expense of a certain native charitable institution. He succeeded in making the bearers understand that he was alive, and they broke open the coffin and released him. A benevolent native writes to the *Shen Bao* recommending that people should be accustomed to be dead before they are nailed up in coffins for burial; rather a humane suggestion.

At Si-fu, a village about 30 li from Nanchang, the capital of Kiangsi, a white dragon was seen on the 12th April. Dragons like water, and it had rained since about the middle of March straight on, ending on that day in a most tremendous hail-storm, which smashed in the roof of a good many of the country people's huts about their ears. Suddenly a powerful fishy smell became perceptible, and people coming in from the fields reported the presence of a huge creature, extending about two *men* (about a third of an acre) disporting itself by wriggling and squirming in a pool of water. The next day a few people ventured out to see it; it was quite white, with scales two feet in size, with horned head, claws, and a long tail, just as dragons are represented in pictures. On the 18th of March fine weather returned, and the dragon was gone. Foreigners do not talk about dragons, but we Chinese do. Few, indeed, have seen them, but this instance seems too well-authenticated to allow us to doubt of the power of this supernatural being to make himself occasionally visible to man.

Anhui has been visited with an excessive rainfall and unseasonably cold weather, which are very injurious to agricultural prospects and Chen, the Governor of the province, has issued a paternal proclamation on the subject. He begins by blaming himself for the bad weather, which is no doubt meant as an intimation that heaven is displeased at his incompetency for his post (from which, however, he does not propose to retire). He expresses his own desire to reform, which he trusts is shared by the officials and gentry; and as for the "poor stupid country people," he wishes to warn them to be more careful of the land-tax in good time, and "avoid law-suits and live at peace together," also a passage in the *Annals of Confucius*, "The mean man thinks of gain, the superior man of righteousness." If these excellent maxims were acted up to, says the Governor, we might hope for better weather. [We are afraid that Chen was born about three centuries before his time.]

In order to relieve the distress in Shantung, an Imperial Edict was issued on the 12th April, which the following is an abridged translation:—"Shantung has for several successive years been in a distressed condition owing to insufficient harvests, and the sufferings of the people were and are very great. Last year Chang Yao (the Governor) memorialized the Throne, suggesting that Tls. 50,000 of the Imperial revenue forwarded from Shantung should be retained for use in relieving the distress there, and this year he has suggested that Tls. 50,000 should be issued from the Provincial Treasury for the same purpose, and that the Board at Peking should remit, in addition, Shantung Tls. 100,000. These requests of the Gov. have all been complied with, but in consideration of the large extent of the suffering districts, this year the following additional act of grace has been ordered by the Emperor:—Li Hung-chang has been directed to transmit to Shantung immediately, as a charitable contribution, 100,000 piculs of the tribute rice from the south, which would otherwise have gone to Taku in steamers. The Governor of Shantung is to give his best personal effort to securing the proper distribution of these bounties, and preventing squeezes by underlings, etc., etc.

## ICHANG.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

Ichang, 20th April, 1889.

The Yangtze river is still so low that we begin to wonder if no rain is going to fall in Szechuan this year. It is lower than it has ever been since the port was first opened. We had only just stopped fires and had barely laid aside winter clothing before the thermometer went up to 95°, 94°, 95°. A few days of this temperature have made a rainy day a real god-send, but even yesterday, before the rain, it felt quite chilly sitting out amongst the roses in the garden. Let us hope rain is falling also in Szechuan. If not what will become of their rice harvest? If that is ever worse than usual they may form what Mansion House funds like in England, but there would be no getting food into Szechuan without steamers and without roads. Freight from here to Chungking, on this side of the large province, is as high as from Shanghai to London; and across the mountains, carriage is yet more costly though somewhat quicker. The Chinese say that if a famine occurs in Szechuan it will be worse than any previous one, as the usual winter crop of wheat is now almost universally replaced by poppies.

It is grievous to think of all this money now sent to China not being applied in a reproductive way, but just given for rice, clothes, etc. Here they have a custom, which possibly may be general throughout China, of always giving a garment to anyone who applies for something to cover his nakedness. But as the people who apply would be likely to sell anything saleable, the garment the Magistrate gives is the cotton out of an old bed covering, held together by old fishing nets. The effect is picturesque, decidedly recalling St. John and his raiment of camel's hair. More than that, it looks very comfortable when too much of it has not dropped off or been torn away.

Men from Szechuan continue to come with strange plants for sale. Whether the plants are great rarities or not they ask prices as if they were; but the most remarkable plant in the neighbourhood is the evergreen *mucluna* (*mucluna-fung*), a huge creeper, bowing a thick mass of bamboo and other trees beneath its embraces. Its stem is so thick that four hands could not clasp it round. Outside it casts a veil of green drapery over all its misdeeds; but if one goes behind the scenes, he finds fleshy reddish flowers like crawfish, and most uncanny both in look and smell, growing out of all thick trunk and hanging down in thick clusters, the air full of bees and heavy with the strange, unwholesome scent. The largest plant is said to have reached its present exuberance in less than thirty years.

The great article of traffic from Szechuan just now, however, seems to be slave girls. They are very cheap. A great Noah's ark was seen floating down river the other day, women looking out at all the windows. They were slave girls a mandarin was taking east. Would it not pay the various missionary societies better to buy these girls, bring them within the Christian influences of Shanghai, and educate them there, instead of sending lady missionaries to the far west, lady missionaries who are generally young mothers with duties to their own little children? I throw out the suggestion. Some of the societies are said to be hard-up, others very plentifully supplied with money, but anyway, economy is to be studied, and they could train the Szechuan girls perhaps to go back as missionaries themselves.

The other day we had such a tumult here! It turned out that some of the neighbours disapproved of the gable end just added to the servants' quarters of a new house. A number of old women insisted on dragging the European who was building it into their houses to see. "Look!" they said, "your new gable points, and points straight at our *Pusa*. It will ruin us." Greatly amused the European straightway said, "It shall be curled in another direction." The old women were at once propitiated and delighted. But so far it has not yet been curled and they seem to have forgotten all about it.

Has anyone in Shanghai yet devised a really comfortable dress for ladies in summer heat, comfortable enough to be kept on in the privacy of their own apartments, pretty enough to be worn in public? If so we up-country people would be most grateful for the pattern. So far the ladies of the China Inland Mission seem to have hit the best of it. They do look so cool in their loose clothes, and some of them have most becoming costumes.—*N. C. Daily News*.

## TIENTSIN.

27th April, 1889.

On account of the low water in the river, steamers have great difficulty in swinging at the bund. This week the steamship *Smith* backed down the reach and swung below the junks.

This year there appear to be more accidents than usual among the junks. The salt junk which sunk in the fairway below the "Everlasting Bond" has been hoisted and hauled on to the bank. Three rice junks in different parts of the river have run on their anchors, but the cargoes were saved and the junks hauled ashore. Last Friday morning witnessed another accident. The tug *Peiko*, with lighters in tow, came into collision with a salt junk at about 2 a.m. abreast of the Astor House Hotel, the junk sinking almost immediately in mid-stream blocking the fairway of steamers. About 1 p.m. two large salt boats were made fast to the sunken craft, and by the aid of two Spanish windlasses the wreck was most expeditiously beached on the opposite bank, taking only about three hours.

Wednesday last was a disagreeably hot day. There was a hot wind, the barometer fell very low, and the temperature went up to 92. During the night a fresh N.W. wind blew which cooled the atmosphere.

The work of removing the Railway bridge goes on very slowly. After seven days labour one of the 52 piles, driven about 30 ft. into the river bed, has been lifted only 9 ft. Notwithstanding the obstruction of the two piles, which leaves only room for one junk to pass, and by the aid of two Spanish windlasses the wreck was most expeditiously beached on the opposite bank, taking only about three hours.

The anti-Chinese agitation in foreign countries seems to find its counterpart within the Chinese empire itself, where, according to a correspondent, one province objects to the influx of Chinese from another province in much the same way that California and Australia object to Chinese from all provinces. From the action of the Governor of Shensi the Chinese Government need have no difficulty in at least comprehending the action of these foreign countries.—*Chinese Times*.

THE great value of Scott's Emulsion of Pure Cod Liver Oil with Hypophosphites in Wasting Diseases is shown by the accompanying statement from D. C. Freeman, Sydney, Aust.—

"Having been a great sufferer from pulmonary attacks and gradually wasting away for the past two years, I have at last been enabled to testify that the above medicine has given me great relief, and I cheerfully recommend it to all suffering in a similar way to myself. In addition I would say that it is very pleasant to take." Any Chemist can supply it.—A. S. Watson & Co. (Limited), agents in Hongkong and China.—*Advt.*

## To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SHANGHAI.

THE Steamship

"NINGPO."

Captain F. Schulz, will be despatched for the above Port, on THURSDAY, the 16th instant, at 4 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to SIEMSEN & Co.

Hongkong, 13th May, 1889. [584]

CANADIAN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "PARTHIA," FROM VANCOUVER, YOKOHAMA, KOBE, NAGASAKI AND SHANGHAI.

THE above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for Counter-signature, and take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignee's risk and expense.

ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 13th May, 1889. [33]

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

CONSIGNEES OF CARGO per Steamship

"CITY OF SYDNEY."

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Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignee's risk and expense.

CHS. D. HARMAN, Agent.

Hongkong, 13th May, 1889. [52]

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

SPOON COMPETITION—300 YARDS.

WILL TAKE PLACE NEXT SATURDAY, the 18th May, at 4 P.M., at the SHANTON HOOPER, Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 13th May, 1889.



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NEXT BIRTHDAY.

STG. payable at death, would

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Note.—It is an advantage to effect Provisions

of this nature early in life. By delay the rate of

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Hongkong, 17th December, 1888. [858]

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Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE, 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.

Hongkong, 11th February, 1888. [152]

## Masonic.

PERSEVERANCE LODGE OF

HONGKONG,

No. 1165.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above

LODGE will be held in FREEMASONS'

HALL, Zealand Street, on THURSDAY, the

16th inst., at 8.30 for 9 P.M. precisely.

Hongkong, 10th May, 1889. [554]

## Intimations.

THE PUNJON AND SUNGHIE DUA

SAMANTAN MINING COMPANY,

LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Share-

holders who are desirous of taking up the

NEW SHARES to which they are entitled in

respect of the Shares of which they were the

registered holders on the date of the confirma-

tion and in pursuance of the Special Resolution

passed on the 4th April, 1889, and confirmed on

the 20th April, 1889, must accept the same and

pay the sum of \$10 for each New Share so

accepted to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI

BANKING CORPORATION, at Hongkong, on or

before the 20th day of May instant, after which

date the New Shares which shall not then have

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Forms of acceptance and Bankers' Receipt

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and Shanghai Bank or at the Company's Office,

No. 9, Queen's Road.

Dated and day of May, 1889.

By Order, A. O'D. GOURDIN,

Secretary.

SINGAPORE INSURANCE COMPANY,

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Warrants for the dividend declared at the

General Meeting held in Singapore on 27th

April.

ADAMSON, BELL &amp; Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, 8th May, 1889. [558]

## SITUATION WANTED.

A NORWEGIAN GENTLEMAN of good

health (44) possessing a thorough know-

ledge of English, German, French, Scandinavian

and partly Dutch languages, and a perfect book-

keeper, is desirous of obtaining a trustworthy

position; merchant or shipbroking office

preferred.

Advertiser has been abroad for the last seven

years. Best testimonials.

Good salary expected.

Address to

GEORGE T. MONSEN,

c/o E. T. MELING,

Canton, China.

Canton, 7th May, 1889. [549]

## NOTICE TO CONTRIBUTORS.

A FIRST INTERIM BONUS of Twenty

per cent upon Contributions for the year

1888 has this day been declared.

Warrants may be had on application at the

above office on and after the 1st proximo.

JARDINE, MATHESON &amp; CO.,

General Agents,

Canton Insurance Office, Limited,

Hongkong, 15th April, 1889. [468]

## HONGKONG TIMBER

YARD, WANCHAI.

OREGON PINE SPARS and LUMBER

Always on Hand.

L. MALLORY,

Hongkong, 24th June, 1881. [656]

## Intimations.

## LOST.

A LITTLE FOX-TERRIER, White with

Black Spots. Answers to the name of

"BOLTS."

Finder will please send the dog to the Office

of this paper.

Hongkong, 11th May, 1889. [571]

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY,

LIMITED.

THE STATUTORY GENERAL MEETING

of the above Company will be held at the

CITY HALL, on SATURDAY, the 25th May,

at 10.30 P.M.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON &amp; Co.,

Managers.

Hongkong, 10th May, 1889. [572]

THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON

WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY,

LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-

ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the

Company will be held at the Company's

Registered Office No. 13 Praya, Victoria, Hong-

kong, on TUESDAY, the 21st day of May

instant at 12 o'clock NOON, when the following

Special Resolution will be proposed, viz:—

That the Company may from time to time

Reduce its Capital.

By Order of the Board,

EDWARD OSBORNE,

Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 9th May, 1889. [566]

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION IN

LIQUIDATION.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

PAYMENT OF 6th DIVIDEND.

A 6th DIVIDEND of 6 1/2 % on all claims

against the Hongkong Branch of the

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, which have

been approved by the Court of Chancery will

be paid at the Offices of the NEW ORIENTAL BANK

CORPORATION, LIMITED, on and after MONDAY,

the 18th March next.

Creditors are requested to apply to the Bank

for their Dividends and to produce the letter they

hold from the Official Liquidator admitting their

claim in order that the payment of the 6th

Dividend may be endorsed thereon.

PAYMENT OF FINAL DIVIDEND IN

ADVANCE UNDER DISCOUNT.

THE Official Liquidator, by arrangement

with the Assets Realization Co., is prepared

to pay in advance to Creditors willing to receive

such payment, IN FULL DISCHARGE OF THEIR

CLAIMS the Dividend of 5 1/2 % payable in the

year 1890, UNDER A DISCOUNT OF FIVE

TWELFTHS PER CENT.

Creditors who are willing to accept payment

of the Final Dividend, less discount as above

are requested to communicate with the Under-

signed BEFORE THE END OF THE CURRENT

MONTH.

E. W. RUTTER,

Agent for the Official Liquidator,

Oriental Bank Corporation, in Liq.

2, Queen's Road,

Hongkong, 6th February, 1889. [176]

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT

AND AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL.....\$5,000,000

PAID UP CAPITAL.....2,500,000

RESERVE FUND.....1,250,000

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Hon. J. J. KESWICK, Chairman.

Hon. C. F. CHATER, Managing Directors.

E. A. SOLOMON, Esq., Vice-Chairman.

J. S. MOSES, Esq.,

S. C. MICHAELSEN, Esq.,

G. E. NOBLE, Esq.,

LEE SING, Esq.,

POON PONG, Esq.

BANKERS.

THE HONGKONG &amp; SHANGHAI

BANKING CORPORATION.

MONEY advanced on Mortgage, on Land,

and Buildings.

Properties purchased and sold.

Estates Managed and all kinds of Agency and

Commission business relating to land, etc.,

conducted.

Full particulars can be obtained at the Com-

pany's Offices, No. 7, Queen's Road Central.

A. SHELTON HOOPER,

Secretary.

Victoria Buildings,

Hongkong, 3rd May, 1889. [532]

KOWLOON HOTEL.

J. C. L. ROUCH, MANAGER.

WINE and SPIRITS of the best quality.

ENGLISH &amp; AMERICAN BILLIARD

TABLES, BOWLING ALLEYS, TENNIS

LAWN.

Hongkong, 21st January, 1889. [114]

SOCIÉTÉ FRANÇAISE DES CHARBON-

NAGES DU TONKIN.

NOTICE is hereby given that the FIRST

MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will

be held at the Company's Office, Hong-

kong (Tonkin) on FRIDAY, the Thirty-first day

of May, at Noon.

—BUSINESS—

To receive the Report on the state of the

Mines, and to fill vacancies on the Board of

Directors.

The owners of at least Twenty Shares to

beholder, in order to have the right of attending

the above Meeting, shall deposit their Shares

either with the Undersigned, or with the Chief

Manager of the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI

BANKING CORPORATION, not later than Fifteen

Days before the Meeting, and there shall be

delivered to them a card of admission to the

Meeting.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

ALEXANDER LEVY,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 20th April, 1889. [488]

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.

DURING the Paris Universal Exhibition of

1889, files of the "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" will

be kept at the Office of our correspondents,

Messrs. AMADEE PRINCE &amp; Co., 36, Rue

Lafayette, and also at the Pavilion of the

Republic of Guatemala in the Exhibition, which

may be consulted at any time by visitors from

the Far East.

Subscribers to this journal may have their

letters, papers, etc., addressed to the care of

Messrs. AMADEE PRINCE &amp; Co., whose

services will be placed at the disposal of all

inquirers.

Hongkong, 11th March, 1889. [518]

## STEAMERS EXPECTED IN HONGKONG.

STEAMERS.	FROM.	DATE DUE.	AGENTS.
Neckar	Bremen	May 16th	Melchers & Co.
Japan	Calcutta	May 17th	D. Sassoon, Sons & Co.
Daphne	Hamburg	May 17th	Siemssen & Co.
Oceanic	San Francisco	May 18th	O. & O. S. S. Co.
Monmouthshire	London	May 18th	Adamson, Bell & Co.
Duke of Buckingham	London	May 18th	Adamson, Bell & Co.

## STEAMERS LOADING IN HONGKONG.

DESTINATION.	VESSELS.	AGENTS.	DATE OF LEAVING.
London, via Suez Canal	Peshawar	P. & O. S. N. Co.	May 18th, at noon.
London, via Suez Canal	Sarpedon	Butterfield & Swire	May 24th
Marseilles, via Saigon, &c.	Calcedonien	Messageries Maritimes	May 23rd, at noon.
Bremen, via Ports of Call.	Neckar	Melchers & Co.	June 5th, at 4 p.m.
Venice, via Straits, &c.	Medea	Austro-Hung. Lloyd's Co.	May 15th, at noon.
Havre, Hamburg, &c.	Bellona	Siemssen & Co.	May 22nd, at 10 a.m.
San Francisco, via Ythama	Oceanic	O. & O. S. S. Co.	May 28th, at 1 p.m.
Vancouver, B.C., via K.	City of Sydney	Pacific Mail S. S. Co.	May 18th, at 4 p.m.
Port Darwin, &c.	Taiyuan	Butterfield & Swire	To-morrow, at noon.
Yokohama, Kobe, &c.	General Warden	Melchers & Co.	May 24th, at 4 p.m.
Kobe and Yokohama	Khiva	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About May 17th.
Kobe (direct)	Aperado	Geo. R. Stevens & Co.	May 16th, at 10 a.m.
Nagasaki, Kobe & Ythama	Ashington	Siemssen & Co.	May 17th, daylight.
Monmouthshire	Monmouthshire	Adamson, Bell & Co.	May 15th, at 4 p.m.
Shanghai	Neckar	Melchers & Co.	About May 25th.
Shanghai	Duke of Buckingham	Adamson, Bell & Co.	Quick despatch.
Shanghai, via Swatow	Choysang	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	About May 19th.
Manila, via Amoy	Nanning	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	May 15th, at noon.
Swatow, Spore, Bangkok.	P. C. Chom Kiao	Yuen Fat Hong	May 16th, at 2 p.m.
Coast Ports	Halloong	Douglas Laprak & Co.	To-morrow, at 10 a.m.

## Intimations.

## F. Blackhead &amp; Co.,